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EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL SECTORS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to increase expenditure on the development of social sectors in order to increase the annual growth rate of human development index in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has made any assessment in regard to expenditure made in this regard during the last three years;

(e) if so, the percentage of the gross domestic product spent separately on development of social sectors during the said period, year-wise; and

(f) the contribution of the Union Government and the State Governments in the said expenditure, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (f): Central Government expenditure on Social Services which includes expenditure on education, health, water supply etc. have gone up consistently over the years, increasing from Rs. 28462 Crores in 2001-02 to Rs. 55969 Crores in 2005-06 (RE). Therefore, during this four year period, 2001-02 to 2005-06, the Central Government expenditure on Social Services has increased by 96.6%. As per the latest available information the Human Development Index (HDI), compiled by the UNDP has been observed to increase from 0.577 in 2000 to 0.611 in 2004. The expenditure on social sectors as well as its share in GDP in the last three years from 2003-04 to 2005-06 is given in Annexure.

The Social Sector is given priority while finalizing the Plan outlays for the Central Ministries as well as Central Assistance to State Governments. The Approach Paper to the Eleventh Plan specifies monitorable targets for certain indicators of social development in health, education and gender equality. A number of programmes / schemes have been launched by different Central Ministries / Departments for Social Sector development. Some of the programmes / schemes include National Rural Health Mission, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Nutritional Support to Primary Education (Mid-Day Meals Programme), Integrated Child Development Services, Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission, Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission, National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme, Bharat Nirman, etc. In addition, some programmes / schemes specifically for the welfare of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, elderly, etc. have also been initiated.

The Centre-State sharing of the expenditure varies from scheme to scheme. State-wise information on the contribution of the Union Government and State Governments in the expenditure on social sectors is not available.